REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN

Ministry of Finance and Planning and Central Bank of South Sudan

TRANSITION TO ELECTRONIC GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS THROUGH THE SOUTH SUDAN INTERBANK PAYMENT AND SETTLEMENT SYSTEM (SSIPSS)

JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ

Integration of the Integrated Financial Management Information System (IFMIS) with the Bank of South Sudan (BoSS) Payment Systems

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The Bank of South Sudan (BoSS) and the Ministry of Finance and Planning (MoFP) hereby inform all Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), commercial banks, suppliers, contractors, service providers, and the general public that all Government payments shall henceforth be processed electronically through the South Sudan Interbank Payment and Settlement System (SSIPSS), integrated with the Integrated Financial Management Information System (IFMIS).

This initiative represents a significant reform in the modernization of public financial management and the transition from manual cheque-based and cash-based government payment processes to secure, efficient, transparent, and traceable electronic payments.

Accordingly, the following arrangements shall apply:

1. Electronic Processing of Government Payments.

All Government payments shall be initiated, authorized, and processed by the Ministry of Finance and Planning through IFMIS and transmitted electronically through SSIPSS, using the appropriate Real-Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) and Automated Clearing House (ACH) channels.

2. Beneficiary Bank Accounts.

All Government payment beneficiaries, including suppliers, contractors, service providers, institutions, and individuals, shall be required to maintain valid bank accounts with commercial banks duly licensed by the Bank of South Sudan. Beneficiaries shall provide accurate banking details to facilitate timely and secure payments.

3. Payment Processing Channels.

High-value and urgent Government payments shall be processed through the RTGS system, while eligible low-value, routine, and bulk payments shall be processed through the ACH system, in accordance with the applicable payment system rules and operational procedures.

4. Responsibilities of Commercial Banks.

All licensed commercial banks are required to facilitate the opening and maintenance of beneficiary accounts, ensure the efficient receipt and processing of electronic transfers, and promptly credit beneficiaries' accounts upon receipt of confirmed payments.

5. Institutional Responsibilities and Payment Inquiries.

The Ministry of Finance and Planning shall remain responsible for Government payment initiation, verification, authorization, and processing through IFMIS. Accordingly, all inquiries, complaints, and follow-ups relating to Government payment approvals and payment status shall be directed to the Ministry.

The Bank of South Sudan shall provide the necessary payment and settlement infrastructure and oversee the secure and efficient operation of SSIPSS. Its primary institutional clients in this arrangement shall be Government institutions (MDAs) and regulated financial institutions, consistent with its statutory mandate as the Central Bank and operator of the national payment and settlement infrastructure.

6. Effective Implementation.

All Government institutions, commercial banks, suppliers, contractors, and other stakeholders are required to comply with and cooperate fully in implementing this transition. The relevant institutions shall put in place the necessary operational, technical, and administrative arrangements to ensure a smooth and orderly transition.

The Bank of South Sudan and the Ministry of Finance and Planning call upon all stakeholders to support this important national reform.

This transition marks a major milestone in strengthening transparency, accountability, efficiency, financial inclusion, and institutional coordination while reducing reliance on physical cash and modernizing public financial management in the Republic of South Sudan.

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